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## HEALTH COMMITTEE AT DECEMBER 31st, 1948

His Worship the MAYOR (ALDERMAN G. ROBERTS, J.P.).

### CHAIRMAN :

COUNCILLOR W. G. EDDY.

ALDERMEN :—MRS. E. C. GARRATT, C. J. PORTER, J.P., A. J. SIMS.

COUNCILLORS :—MRS. N. P. BENNETT SNELL, C.C., S. N. CHRISMASS,  
T. HODGSON, R. L. HOPPER, T. E. LEE, F. A. RICKETTS, F. STAY  
and COL. A. J. BEVERIDGE, O.B.E., M.C.

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## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE AT DECEMBER 31st, 1948

His Worship the MAYOR (ALDERMAN G. ROBERTS, J.P.).

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COUNCILLOR MISS M. E. KEMP.

ALDERMEN :—MRS. E. C. GARRATT, W. M. R. DAVIS, M.B.E., C. J. PORTER, J.P.

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and COL. A. J. BEVERIDGE, O.B.E., M.C.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS :—MRS. J. CRAIG LINDSAY, MISS E. P. HUGHES,  
MRS. E. MIDDLETON, and MRS. P. RICHARDSON.

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## OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Medical Officer of Health :

#### Medical Superintendent, Isolation Hospital :

J. CRAIG LINDSAY, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

#### Matron, Isolation Hospital :

MRS. A. M. McDOUGALL STEVEN, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N.  
(Left December 1st, 1948).

#### Matron, Day Nursery :

MISS E. STEPHENSON.

### Health Visitors—Infant Life Protection Visitors :

MRS. M. R. ROWDEN, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS V. E. RUMBOL, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MRS. M. C. WRIGHT, S.R.N., S.C.M.

### Domiciliary Midwives :

MISS M. DUNN, S.C.M., S.R.N., R.S.C.N.

MISS L. KERNICK, S.C.M.

MRS. K. JINKS, S.C.M.

(Up to June, 1948).

MRS. S. ROGERS, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS F. KITSON, S.R.N., S.C.M.,  
(From 1st June, 1948).

### Clerical Assistants :

MRS. K. KITCHEN, MISS G. LODGE.

### Chief Sanitary Inspector, Meat and Food Inspector, Hackney Carriage Inspector and Shops Act Inspector :

W. E. ROBERTS, M.S.I.A.

### Additional Sanitary Inspectors :

W. EDWARDS, M.S.I.A.

D. P. BROAD, M.S.I.A. (Part-time).

### Clerical Assistant :

MRS. E. SHELLEY.

## THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT

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MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my fourth post-war Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year 1948.

The radical changes which came into force on the 5th July, 1948, have had important effects on the set-up of the Public Health Department and its work.

The Borough of Aldershot, which was a Part III authority, prior to the Education Act, 1944, has had delegation powers for the purpose of Maternity and Child Welfare since 1930. It is, therefore, with some degree of regret that we have handed over this section of the work for which the Borough has been responsible, in which we could show the greatest development and in which we took the keenest pride. The Maternity and Child Welfare Service of the Borough was, it is freely granted, a small one but, nevertheless, it was efficient and it had the personal touch. Each family's problem was soon heard at every level in the Service and immediate action could be taken to alleviate hardship. A considerable measure of voluntary service developed throughout the Town in the form of the Aldershot Maternity and Child Welfare Voluntary Committee, and much good work has been carried out in the past. It is to be hoped that this interest will be maintained now that the controlling authority is removed from the Borough.

The Borough Council has also handed over, with regret, the up-to-date and well-designed Infectious Diseases Hospital, which was opened in 1937. In this branch of the Service, however, it must be admitted that the hand-over has been greatly in the interests of the Service to which the Hospital was devoted. Its link-up with the General Hospitals of the area and the Laboratory Services will undoubtedly add to the efficiency of the Service.

As things stand, after the 5th July, 1948, therefore, the following services are listed showing the new controlling authority. The order in which they appear is taken from my previous Annual Report :—

*Service.**Controlling Authority.*

Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory Service  
Medical Research Council.

Ambulance Facilities

Hampshire County Council.

Nursing in the Home

Hampshire County Council.

Hospitals—Aldershot General,  
Maternity, Unit and  
Infectious Diseases  
Hospital.South-West Metropolitan Regional  
Hospital Board.

Ante Natal Clinics

Hampshire County Council.

Domiciliary Midwifery  
Service.

Hampshire County Council.

Consulting Clinic.

South-West Metropolitan Regional  
Hospital Board.In-Patient Maternity  
TreatmentSouth-West Metropolitan Regional  
Hospital Board.**Infant Life Protection****Hampshire County Council  
(Children's Officer).**

Dental Treatment

Hampshire County Council.

Health Visitors

Hampshire County Council.

Sanitary Control of the Area

Aldershot Borough Council.

Diphtheria Immunization

Hampshire County Council  
(Aldershot Borough Council acting  
as Agent).

Cleansing Centre

Aldershot Borough Council.

Home Help Service

Hampshire County Council  
(Aldershot Borough Council acting  
as Agent).

Housing

Aldershot Borough Council.

Food Hygiene

Aldershot Borough Council.

Industrial Hygiene

Aldershot Borough Council.

Day Nursery

Hampshire County Council  
(Aldershot Borough Council acting  
as Agent).

Reference to this list will simplify the problem for many members of the Council in finding out which authority is responsible for any particular section of the work previously administered by the Aldershot Borough Council. It is pleasing to record that during the year no major crisis developed either epidemiologically or administratively. The hand-over of the various parts of the Service enumerated above on the 5th July, 1948, occurred smoothly mainly because your staff carried on in the absence of instructions to the contrary until the new authority had taken over.

I ask, therefore, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, that you accept this report and at the same time tender my thanks for your co-operation and confidence, on behalf of myself and my staff for the year 1948.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

**J. CRAIG LINDSAY,**

*Medical Officer of Health.*





# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1948

## VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population for mid-year 1948 .. .. 25,780  
(*Excluding Military personnel*)

*The following are submitted by courtesy of the Local Food Executive Officer :—*

Total population of Aldershot as at December 31st,  
1948 .. .. . 28,724  
Number of children in age-group 0—5 years .. 3,033  
Number of children in age-group 5—18 years .. 5,391

Number of available houses .. .. . 6,143  
Number of houses with shops .. .. . 360  
Number of Licensed Premises .. .. . 79  
Rateable value (December 1948) .. .. . £295,839  
Acreage — Civil 1,432 — South Camp 2,746 — Total :—4,178

LIVE BIRTHS ( <i>Excluding South Camp</i> )				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate ..	..	..	..	341	334	675
Illegitimate..	..	..	..	16	17	33
Total ..	..	..	..	357	351	708

STILLBIRTHS						
Legitimate ..	..	..	..	7	4	11
Illegitimate ..	..	..	..	—	—	—
Total ..	..	..	..	7	4	11

Birth Rate per 1,000 Live Births of the Town Population 25.5  
(*Comparability factor not available for 1948*)

DEATHS ( <i>Excluding South Camp</i> )				Male	Female	Total
Deaths ..	..	..	..	140	122	262
Death Rate ..	..	..	..	..	..	9.4
Infantile Deaths ..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Infantile Death Rate ..	..	..	..	..	..	31.1

*Principal Causes of Death.* Total :—262

Heart Disease ..	86	Congenital Malformations	7
Cancer .. ..	47	Pneumonia .. ..	3
Cerebral Lesions ..	23	Road Accidents and	
Bronchitis .. ..	12	other Violent Causes	8
Premature Births ..	9	Nephritis .. ..	8
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	9	Suicide .. ..	2
Non Pulmonary		Syphilitic Diseases ..	1
Tuberculosis .. ..	2	Whooping Cough ..	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	Diabetes .. ..	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	8	All other causes ..	30

## HOSPITALS PROVIDED AND SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHERWISE

### General

Aldershot Hospital (50 beds).

Cambridge Hospital (Military only).

EMERGENCY cases are being sent to the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and to the County Hospital, Farnham, Surrey when beds are available.

### Maternity

Maternity Unit—attached General Hospital (14 beds).

Louise Margaret Hospital (Military only).

### Infectious Diseases

Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital (50 beds).

Military Isolation Hospital (Military only).

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

### Ante Natal Clinic—Statistics—Jan. 1st to July 5th, 1948

No. of mothers who attended the clinic	207
No. of Attendances .. .. .	896
Average attendance per session .. .. .	27

### Midwives Practising in Aldershot during 1948

NURSE M. DUNN, 6a Avondale Road, Aldershot.

NURSE K. JINKS, 58 St. George's Road, Aldershot.

NURSE S. D. ROGERS, 69 North Lane, Aldershot.

NURSE L. KERNICK, 48 Sandford Road, Aldershot (up to June 1st).

NURSE F. KITSON, 127a Gloucester Road, Aldershot (from June 1st).

## Ante Natal Clinics

The Clinics continue their work at the Manor Park House with two sessions weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. The work at the Tuesday clinic is carried out by Dr. L. W. B. Dobbin, of Fraynes Croft, Fleet, and that of the Thursday clinic by Dr. H. J. C. Page, of Lindum House, Eggars Hill, Aldershot.

## Consulting Clinic—Ante Natal

A consulting clinic is held by the Medical Director of the Maternity Unit by appointment on Wednesday mornings at the Maternity Unit.

*The Staff of the Maternity Unit is as follows :—*

Medical Director	..	MAJOR D. A. D. KENNEDY, M.C.
Medical Officers	..	DRS. PAGE, DOBBIN and TIPLER.
Anæsthetists	..	DRS. WOOLLATT and TIPLER.
Sister-in-Charge	..	MISS J. E. GARRETT.

## Maternity Unit

Record of work done during 1948 :—

<i>Origin of Case</i>	<i>No. of cases</i>	<i>No. of days maintenance</i>	<i>Average duration of stay</i>	
			<i>Normal</i>	<i>Abnormal</i>
Civil Borough	193	2,606	12 days	14 or 21 days
County Council	52	995	„	„
Private Ward	51	684	„	„
Civil Outside Borough	3	35	„	„

Further classification showing the type of work undertaken :—

<i>Origin of case</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Normal</i>	<i>Ab-normal</i>	<i>Result—Child</i>		<i>Result—Mother</i>	
				<i>Dis.</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Dis.</i>	<i>Died</i>
Civil Borough	193	126	67	182	7	193	—
County Council	52	17	35	52	1	52	—
Private Ward	51	40	11	48	3	51	—
Civil Outside Borough	3	1	2	3	—	3	—

## Infant Life Protection

Number of Foster-mothers registered (at July 5th, 1948)	9
Number of Foster-children in Town at July 5th ..	13

## Health Visiting—Statistics, January 1st to July 5th, 1948

Number of visits paid :—	
To Expectant Mothers .. .. .	120
To children under 1 year .. .. .	656
To children 1—5 years .. .. .	792
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	1,568
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## Child Welfare Statistics—January 1st to July 5th, 1948

Total number of children under 5 years of age who first attended the Centre during the above period and who, on the date of their first attendance were :—

Under 1 year of age .. .. .	216
Over 1 year of age .. .. .	7

Number of attendances between January 1st and July 5th, 1948 :—

Under 1 year of age .. .. .	3,560
Over 1 year of age .. .. .	1,215

## Diphtheria Immunization

*The following statistics show work done during 1948 :—*

Children who were immunized while under 1 year .. .. .	12
Children who were immunized between 1 to 5 years .. .. .	388
Children who were immunized between 5 to 14 years .. .. .	71
TOTAL .. .. .	<hr/> 471

*Number of " Refresher " doses given during 1948 :—*

Children between 5 to 14 years .. .. .	<hr/> 229
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Attention is drawn to the fact that no case of Diphtheria was recorded during the year 1948.

## Cleansing Centre

No change has been made in the arrangements for running the Cleansing Centre in Laburnum Road. The number of cases is as follows :—

Number of Scabies cases from Aldershot during 1948 ..	27
Number of Scabies cases from Outlying Districts—1948	5
Number of Verminous Head cases from Aldershot—1948	62
Number of Verminous Head cases from Outlying Districts	22

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS			(at December 31st, 1948).	
<i>Description.</i>	<i>Purpose.</i>	<i>Where held</i>	<i>Times.</i>	<i>By whom held</i>
Child Welfare Centres	Child Welfare	Manor Park House	Mondays, 2 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council
Ante-Natal Clinics	Examination and supervision of Expectant Mothers	Manor Park House	Tuesdays, 2 p.m. (Dr. Dobbin) Thursdays 2 p.m. (Dr. Page)	Hampshire County Council
Diphtheria Immunization	Protection of children against Diphtheria	Manor Park House	1st Wednesday in month 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Aldershot Borough Council acting as agent).
Minor Ailments Clinic	Treatment of Minor Ailments	School Clinic	Every morning at 9.30 a.m.	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Dental Clinic	Dental Treatment of School Children	School Clinic	Morning and afternoon sessions—weekdays	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Ophthalmic Clinic	Examination of ophthalmic cases and prescription of spectacles	School Clinic	1st, and 3rd Friday in month	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Orthopædic Clinic	Examination and supervision of muscle joint defects	Alternate months at School Clinic and St. Mark's Church Rooms, Farnboro'	1st Tuesday in each month	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Remedial Exercises Clinic	Treatment of Orthopædic cases	Alternate months at School Clinic and St. Mark's Church Rooms, Farnboro'	Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 to 5 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Child Guidance	Child Guidance	School Clinic	Wednesdays, 10 to 5 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Speech Therapy	Correction of speech defects	School Clinic	Tuesdays, Thursdays 9.30 to 4.30 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Scabies and Cleansing Centre	Treatment of Scabies and other verminous conditions	Cleansing Centre, Laburnum Road	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9—12.	Aldershot Borough Council
Tuberculosis Dispensary	Examination of definite and suspected cases of Tuberculosis	Manor Park House	Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10—12	Hampshire County Council
Veneral Disease Clinic	Treatment of Venereal Diseases	Manor Park House	<i>Males.</i> Mondays, 5—7 <i>Females.</i> Wednesdays, (Morning and afternoon sessions)	Hampshire County Council
Women's Welfare Clinic	Birth Control	Transferred temporarily to :— 6 Dapdune Crescent, Woodbridge Road, Guildford.	1st and 2nd Wednesdays in month 2—4.30 p.m.	



## Incidence and Control over Infectious Diseases

Infectious Diseases notified during 1948 (Excluding South Camp) :—

Measles .. ..	438	Pneumonia ..	3
Scarlet Fever ..	19	Erysipelas ..	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	31	Whooping Cough ..	118
Non-Pulmonary		Puerperal Pyrexia	5
Tuberculosis ..	8	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3

The very great increase in the number of cases of Measles and Whooping Cough were the main features for comment in the Infectious Diseases rates for 1948. The peak of Measles cases occurred in the month of September but the complication rate was extremely low. Similarly with the cases of Whooping Cough where the complication rate was also extremely low although it was noteworthy that a number of cases of Whooping Cough occurred in children in the first year of life—a much lower age of onset than many people would appear to realize.

## Civil Isolation Hospital

The record of work for 1948 is shown in the Table opposite.

Owing to the limitation of the admission of cases from prescribed areas and to notifiable Infectious Diseases only, the admissions were restricted. With the Hospital passing into the care of the South West Metropolitan Regional Board this restriction will no longer exist and the Hospital's new role will be one of supporting the other Hospitals in the area and admitting all cases in which there is an infective element whether notifiable or not. The Hospital, therefore, can look forward to playing an ever-increasing part in the in-patient treatment facilities of the area which will, undoubtedly, increase its work considerably.

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

### Water

The water supply of this area was fully described in my report for the year 1935 and later supplemented in that for 1938, and such details as are contained therein can be forwarded on request to those interested.

I am indebted to the General Manager of the Mid-Southern Utility Company for the following information which is submitted on the lines set out in the Ministry of Health Circular 3/49 dated 17th January, 1949 :—

- (a) The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and quantity

# Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital - Record of Work—1948

Area	Scarlet Fever.	Erysipelas	Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	Measles.	Measles (complicated)	Whooping Cough	Whooping Cough (complicated)	Mumps	Gastro-Enteritis	Tonsillitis	Pemphigus	Septic Pæet	Typhoid	Observation Cases (Diagnosis not confirmed)
Aldershot .. .. .	11	2	—	2	1	4	3	4	1	5	1	1	—	9
Farnborough .. .. .	21	—	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Fleet .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Frimley and Camberley .. .. .	7	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Basingstoke .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hartley Wintney .. .. .	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals.	44	9	—	4	1	5	1	4	1	5	1	1	—	9

- (b) Bacteriological examinations—Raw Water 23, District samples 23 were made. Only one of these which was a raw water sample on December 30th showed B. Coli present to the extent of 1/100 c.c. There was no case of B. Welchii being present. Routine chemical analyses made by this Company as apart from those made by Local Authorities were one of the chalk water and one of the L.G.S. water which showed no change in the characteristics of the water
- (c) Waters supplied have no plumbo-solvent action
- (d) No case of contamination arose
- (e) The number of domestic premises connected at year ending December 31st last was 6,103 which is estimated to represent a population of approximately 31,515. According to our records there are no premises supplied by standpipe.

## Hardness of Water

Regular analyses have been carried out in order to chart the hardness of water in the Borough. The following results have been obtained and are given in parts per 100,000 :—

JANUARY	..	24.8	JULY	..	..	25.2
FEBRUARY	..	24.6	AUGUST	..	..	24.4
MARCH	..	..	25.8	SEPTEMBER	..	25.2
APRIL	..	..	24.8	OCTOBER	..	25.4
MAY	..	..	23.2	NOVEMBER		23.8
JUNE	..	..	22.2	DECEMBER	..	23.8

There is a growing feeling in the Town that some attempt should be made to soften the water supply. From the medical point of view it has been stated that no health problem is involved in a town where the water supply does not exceed hardness such as that shown throughout the year in Aldershot. Economically and from a Trade point of view, no doubt, this problem is a real one and in this connection discussions took place with the Mid Southern Utility Company and the Army Authorities regarding the use of Sodium Hexametaphosphate in the bulk supply which is supplied to military lands with a view to reducing the scale deposit on pipes and tanks. A notification was made to the various Medical Officers of Health involved and the position was kept under observation. So far, no criticisms have been received which would lead to the view that the use of this substance affected health.

## Drainage and Sewerage

This area being a small, compact Borough, has no drainage or sewerage problems. In fact there is every reason to believe that



an adjoining rural district may connect up with the Borough Council's Sewage Disposal Works and so improve the Drainage and Sewerage of the adjoining parts of the rural district concerned.

### **Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948**

No instance arose during the year whereby action was required under this section of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

## **FOOD HYGIENE**

Prior to 1948 the Aldershot Borough Council as advised by their Public Health Department fully appreciated the importance and necessity for a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene generally in regard to the production and handling of food for human consumption. In 1948 a Public Meeting was held which received the fullest support from the Borough Council and was much publicised amongst the Food Traders of the Area. As a result the Aldershot Hygienic Food Traders Guild was formed in 1948 with the specific task of promoting a high standard of hygiene amongst the Food Traders. The Guild, formed from amongst the Traders themselves with the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector as Joint Secretaries, received an enthusiastic send-off and financial support was given to the extent of £50 p.a. from the Borough Council to defray administration expenses. Meetings are held regularly in the Municipal Buildings which are well attended by the representatives of the various Food Traders concerned.

Under the specific headings outlined in Ministry of Food Circular No. 12/49, the replies are as follows :—

### **1. Lectures or Classes for Food Traders or their Employees**

Lectures have been given and will continue to be given by the Medical Officer of Health to the employees of Multiple Stores. So far it has only been possible to organise these lectures in such Multiple Stores where sufficient members can be collected to justify the lecture.

### **2. Exhibitions**

A Clean Food Exhibition was held at the West End Schools, Aldershot, on the 25th January, 1949, in conjunction with a Public Meeting which was addressed by Sir William Savage, M.D. This Meeting received the most favourable mention in the Press and caused interesting discussion in the Town, and was unanimously claimed as a most successful affair which it is hoped to repeat in the near future. Much co-operation was received from the Army School of Hygiene,

Mytchett, near Aldershot, and the local Education Authority as well as many other interested bodies too numerous to mention. His Worship the Mayor attended and the Chair was taken by General Sir Robert Haining, K.C.B., D.S.O., Chairman, Farnham Group Hospital Management Committee, Chart House, Ash Vale, near Aldershot.

### **3. Lectures, etc., for the General Public including Local Women's Organisations**

Lectures are given at regular intervals by the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector to the Women Citizens Organisations

### **4. Formation of Clean Food Guilds, etc.**

The Aldershot Hygienic Food Traders Guild was formed early in 1948, as stated above, and is administered through an Advisory Committee consisting of 4 members of the Health Committee of the Borough Council and 14 Trade representatives. We are indebted to His Worship the Mayor of Aldershot for permission to use the Town Coat-of-Arms thereon.

### **5. Formulation of Local Codes of Practice**

Codes of Practice have been formulated, as advised by the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Sanitary Inspector. These have been printed and circulated to all traders and have been commented on favourably by Sir William Savage during his visit here.

### **6. Any other Relevant Activities**

Further lectures to Traders are contemplated and a further Public Meeting is arranged for the 22nd September, 1949 at which it is hoped that films and an address by a Speaker from the Central Council for Health Education as well as Health exhibits will be features of the programme.

It has been requested that some estimate of the relevant effectiveness of the above activities should be given. Apart from the personal observations and opinions based on contact with Traders and the General Public it would be difficult to justify or substantiate any statements. However, effectiveness can be claimed under two headings :—

1. Prevention of Physical Disease and
2. Maintenance of morale in the presence of an outbreak.

Under the first heading 3 cases of food poisoning have been investigated since 1948 and no secondary cases have occurred. While the Town experienced a fairly severe outbreak of food poisoning in 1947 there has been no instance of other than a few cases, which were soon brought under control, since that date.

In the course of our investigations we are impressed by the co-operation and appreciation shown for our efforts both by the Traders and the General Public.

Under the second heading it will be appreciated that considerable alarm is generated when an outbreak or even a rumour of food poisoning occurs. The existence of any active body whose work it is to combat such outbreaks must fulfil the very special purpose of steadying public morale in the presence of such an occurrence. To sum up, therefore, it is felt that the activities outlined above are fully justified and are considered well worth while in the present state of our knowledge and as legislation dealing with the control, handling and distribution of foodstuffs, at present, stands.

## LIST OF MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Chairman :

COUNCILLOR MRS. N. P. BENNETT-SNELL, C.C.

### Members of Council :

His Worship the MAYOR (ALDERMAN G. ROBERTS, J.P.).

COUNCILLOR W. G. EDDY.

COUNCILLOR R. L. HOPPER.

### Trade Representatives :

COUNCILLOR F. STAY	..	..	Bakers
MR. H. VINSON	..	..	Butchers
MR. W. R. SMITH	..	..	Fishmongers
MR. J. GAUDERN	..	..	Multiple Traders
MR. W. J. JORDAN	..	..	Dairymen
MR. E. H. PIERCE	..	..	Grocers
MR. J. THOMPSON	..	..	Licensed Victuallers
MR. T. H. DAY	..	..	Caterers
MR. H. J. HUNT	..	..	Caterers
MR. G. SARGEANT	..	..	Chamber of Commerce
MR. FARRINGTON	..	..	Fish Fryers
COUNCILLOR H. T. REEVES	..	..	Fish Fryers and London and Home Counties Fish Fryers Association
MR. G. E. PLAYLE	..	..	Co-Operative Society Ltd.

### Joint Hon. Secretaries :

DR. J. CRAIG LINDSAY	..	..	Medical Officer of Health
W. E. ROBERTS	..	..	Chief Sanitary Inspector

## Health Education Propaganda.

The year's work was along the generally accepted lines, but space is becoming more and more available in the *Municipal Chronicle* for Health topics. This small and easily read journal is circulated by the Borough Council throughout the area free of charge and is a most favourable medium for the distribution of health information. It is proposed to increase the contributions on suitable subjects.

## Day Nursery

The work was continued throughout the year. There are sixty places for children of suitable ages, and a Nursery Class for the 2—5 years age groups was carried on by arrangement and in conjunction with the Local Education Committee.

The following statistics are given :—

<i>Number.</i>	<i>Number of approved places.</i>		<i>Number of children on the register at the end of the year.</i>		
	<i>0—2 yrs.</i>	<i>2—5 yrs.</i>	<i>0—2 yrs.</i>	<i>2—5 yrs.</i>	
Nurseries maintained by the Council	1	16	44	16	43

## Industrial Hygiene

No problems of any importance arose during the year in connection with this subject. The area is non-industrial, although, in accordance with the policy of the Council, to attract industry to the area, factories chiefly Messrs. Timothy Whites & Taylors Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, and Messrs. Thomas Christie, Ladies' Cosmetics, H. Comoy Ltd., and Godalming Skins and Furs, will shortly be in full employment.

These buildings are, as one would expect, modern in design and lay-out. Thus from the environmental point of view, conditions are satisfactory. As far as the workers themselves are concerned, close liaison is maintained with the Certifying Factory Surgeon. The work of the Aldershot Hygienic Food Traders Guild has already been referred to, but in all trades, health education would fulfil a useful function and, it is considered, would influence the individual more if presented from the work angle. There is evidence that the more progressive firms are performing useful work in this respect and that the problem will be the small firm or trader.

The following statistics refer, and are taken from the return requested by the Minister of Labour & National Service, under the Factories Act, 1937 :—

**1. Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors) :—

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	1	69	98	4	—	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	2	—	—	—	—	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	3	—	—	—	—	3
TOTAL ..	6	69	98	4	—	6

**2.—Cases in which Defects** were found :—

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. By Inspector (5)	H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	4	2	2	—	—	—	4
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) insufficient ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	10	2	2	—	—	—	10
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	11	—	—	—	—	—	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
TOTAL ..	60	4	4	—	—	—	60

# Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111			M/c line No.
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Wearing apparel—								
Making, etc.	13	4	—	—	—	—	—	13
Cleaning and washing	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Household linen ..	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Lace, lace curtains and nets ..	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
	17							17
Headings	to				NIL			to
	44							44



## HOUSING

The record of housing as follows is shown by courtesy of the Borough Surveyor's Department and the Borough Treasurer's Department :—

### Houses etc., Completed during 1948

Month 1948	Houses completed by L.A.	Houses completed by private enterprise	Conversions or adaptations of properties to provide flats		Pre-Fab. Houses
			By L.A.	By P.E.	
January	18	—	—	11	—
February	10	2	—	—	—
March	—	5	—	3	—
April	29	4	—	—	—
May	16	5	—	—	—
June	14	1	—	—	—
July	22	1	—	—	—
August	14	—	—	—	—
September	14	—	—	—	—
October	14	2	—	—	—
November	12	—	—	—	—
December	14	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	177	20	Nil	14	Nil

### Demand

The following statistics show the extent of the problem in housing shortage. They constitute the waiting list for houses of the Borough :—

Single Persons .. .. .	23
Married persons with no children .. ..	341
Married persons with 1 child .. ..	467
Married persons with 2 children .. ..	240
Married persons with 3 children .. ..	67
Married persons with 4 children .. ..	27
Married persons with 5 children .. ..	26
Married persons with 6 children .. ..	8
Married persons with 7 children .. ..	3
Aged Couples .. .. .	7
Widows .. .. .	9

TOTAL .. 1,218

## Policy

The liaison which exists between the Health and Housing Departments (the latter being a section of the Borough Treasurer's Department) remains close and co-operative. Every help is received from that Department and it is hoped every assistance is given towards solving some of the most difficult problems which have had to be faced by a Local Authority. These problems are rendered more difficult by reason of the fact that one is brought into such close contact with the amount of suffering, discomfort and frayed nerves amongst people who are living in such overcrowded conditions.

It is not proposed to stress these difficulties further because every member of the Council is acutely conscious, not only of the difficulties, but also of the pathetic procession of applicants who strive to put their case before official and Councillor alike.

As in previous years, the role of the Health Department is to endeavour to sort out those cases in which it is thought that there is an immediate danger to health—to take the short term view rather than the long term view which is the function of the Housing Department as the Housing Authority.



# SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

## Number and Nature of Inspections :--

### Dwelling houses

Inspections .. .. .	1,407
Re-inspections .. .. .	2,625

## Number of Visits to :—

Complaints received .. .. .	426
Overcrowding .. .. .	79
Infectious Diseases .. .. .	66
Scabies Contacts .. .. .	17
Drainage Inspection and Tests .. .. .	118
Tents, Vans and Sheds .. .. .	4
Stables and Piggeries .. .. .	2
Factories, Workplaces .. .. .	98
Outworkers Rooms .. .. .	3
Theatres, Cinemas, Etc. .. .. .	6
Shops Acts .. .. .	324
Vacant Land and Dumps .. .. .	3
Common Yards and Passages .. .. .	4
Interviews with Owners, Etc. .. .. .	338
Verminous Premises or Rooms .. .. .	157
Houses Disinfected .. .. .	26
Houses Let in Lodgings .. .. .	11
Bathing Pool .. .. .	14
Works in Progress .. .. .	387
Rats and Mice Infestation (Rats 185, Mice 316) .. .. .	501
Housing Committee Visits .. .. .	491
Food Poisoning Cases .. .. .	1
Miscellaneous Visits .. .. .	578
Slaughterhouses .. .. .	386
Bakehouses .. .. .	28
Licensed Premises .. .. .	131
Butchers' Shops and Stalls .. .. .	222
Fishmongers and Poulterers .. .. .	64
Grocers and Other Shops .. .. .	351
Greengrocers and Fruiterers .. .. .	97
Fried Fish Shops .. .. .	41
Dairies and Milkshops .. .. .	34
Ice Cream Premises .. .. .	300
Restaurant and Dining Rooms .. .. .	181
Schools and School Kitchens .. .. .	32
Public Market & Food Stalls .. .. .	21
Street Hawkers and Vendors .. .. .	28
Ice Cream Samples Taken .. .. .	233
Milk Samples Taken .. .. .	344
Water Samples Taken .. .. .	41

## Nuisances and Other Matters dealt with

Foul Drains, W.C.'s opened and cleared .. .. .	61
Accumulations of Noxious Matters .. .. .	6
Nuisances arising from Keeping of Animals .. .. .	4
Verminous Houses .. .. .	90
Dustbins Renewed .. .. .	456
Smoke or Grit Nuisance .. .. .	4
Pigeon Nuisance .. .. .	1

## Principal Structural Improvements carried out

Premises Installed with New Drainage .. .. .	8
Drain Inspection Chambers Provided .. .. .	4
Yards Paved or Repaired .. .. .	4
New Water Supply Installed .. .. .	3
New Sanitary Accommodation Provided .. .. .	3
New W.C. Pans Fitted .. .. .	35
W.C's. put in Order .. .. .	55
New Sinks Fitted .. .. .	11
Sink and Bath Wastepipes Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	27
New Soil and Ventilating Shafts .. .. .	4
Water Supply re-installed .. .. .	7
New Gully Traps provided .. .. .	2

## Houses Improved

Roofs Repaired .. .. .	135
Rainwater Downpipes Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	25
Eaves Guttering Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	48
New Windows Provided .. .. .	2
Walls and Ceiling Plaster Renewed .. .. .	274
Walls and Ceilings Cleansed (Rooms) .. .. .	108
Scullery Floors Reformed .. .. .	18
Other Floors Reformed .. .. .	103
Skirting Boards Repaired .. .. .	2
Firegrates Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	34
Cooking Ranges Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	37
Washing Coppers Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	16
Hearths Repaired .. .. .	5
Windows Repaired and made to Open .. .. .	184
Window Sills Repaired .. .. .	4
Doors Repaired .. .. .	49
Door Steps Repaired .. .. .	1
Stairs Retreaded .. .. .	5
Handrails Provided .. .. .	5
Walls Repointed .. .. .	7
Damp Walls Remedied .. .. .	99
Chimneys Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	13

## Food Premises Improved

Floors Relaid .. .. .	7
Floors Repaired .. .. .	4
Wall Plaster Repaired .. .. .	9
Ceiling Plaster Repaired .. .. .	5
Roofs Underlined .. .. .	3
Windows, Doors, etc. Repaired or Renewed .. .. .	1
Rooms Redecorated .. .. .	59
Refrigerators Redecorated .. .. .	2
Yards Relaid or Repaired .. .. .	3
Extra Natural Light Provided .. .. .	3
Extra Ventilation Provided .. .. .	3
Other Structural Repairs .. .. .	10
Sinks Fitted or Renewed .. .. .	11
Constant Supply of Hot Water Provided .. .. .	16
W.C.'s Repaired .. .. .	3
W.C.'s Redecorated .. .. .	4
Intervening Ventilated Space Provided to W.C.'s .. .. .	1
Drains laid .. .. .	1

## Number of Notices served during the Year

Informal .. .. .	942
Statutory Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 .. .. .	15
"      "      "      "      "      "      93 .. .. .	6

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACTS AND BYELAWS RELATING TO HOUSING

### Unhealthy Areas

(1) Clearance Areas .. .. .	—
(2) Improvement Areas .. .. .	—

### Number of Houses owned by Local Authority

(1) Under the Housing Act, 1936 .. .. .	639
(2) Other Powers .. .. .	411

### Number of Houses Erected during the Year

(1) By Local Authority .. .. .	182
(2) By Other Bodies or Persons .. .. .	20

## HOUSING STATISTICS

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the Year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .. .. .	286
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. .. .	758
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected under the Housing Acts .. .. .	—
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. .. .	—

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. .. .	4
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. .. .	286

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .. .. .	256
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. .	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice .. .. .	
(a) By Owners .. .. .	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners .. .. .	—
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. .	21
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners .. .. .	21
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .. .. .	—
(c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses of which demolition orders were given .. .. .	4
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders .. .. .	4
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made .. .. .	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenant or room having been rendered fit .. .. .	—

## DISINFECTIONS

Steam disinfection of bedding, clothing, etc., is carried out by the staff of the Civil Isolation Hospital.	
Number of rooms disinfected after infectious, contagious and other diseases .. .. .	25
Number of cases where bedding was subjected to Steam Disinfection and Disinfestation .. .. .	118

## VERMIN INFESTATION CONTROL

### (a) Rodent Destruction

Rodent destruction was again actively carried out and the good work has been maintained by the Council's Operator. A few major infestations occurred but the majority of new infestations were of a minor character and treatments carried out by methods laid down by the Ministry were highly successful. Advice is freely given to poultry-keepers on the rat-proofing of runs and buildings. Corporation Refuse Tips and Salvage Sheds were subjected to periodical treatment.

The following table is a summary of action taken :—

Complaints received were	..	..	..	..	501
Premises found to be infested	..	..	..	..	210
Visits for baiting and extermination	..	..	..	..	2,119
Premises cleared of infestation	..	..	..	..	1,773
Amount charged in respect of disinfection work	..	..	..	..	£19. 6s. 0d.

### Rodent Treatment of the Sewers

Two additional labourers assisted the Rodent Operator during the period of sewer disinfection. The district was divided into 7 areas, 306 manholes were inspected and baited on the first treatment. Further inspection revealed that 123 manholes required a second treatment.

### North east Hants Workable Area for Rodent Control

The area comprises of Aldershot, Farnborough, Hartley Wintney and Fleet District in conjunction with the local Army and Air Force Authorities. Each district is represented by a member of a Local Authority and Sanitary Inspector. Quarterly meetings are held in the respective districts, when technical matters and problems arising in various districts are discussed.

### (b) Disinfection of Premises

During the year 97 complaints of verminous premises were received and 97 premises comprising 198 rooms were disinfested.

The treatment consists of spraying with liquid insecticide, containing D.D.T., and removal of bedding to the disinfecting station for steam disinfection.

An inspection is made of all furniture and bedding of families allocated premises by the Corporation, and of the premises to which the family is moving. Any infestations by vermin thus found are dealt with before the removal takes place.

Work is undertaken by the department for the extermination of cockroaches in hotels, bakehouses and food preparing premises. The cost of this work being borne by the occupiers.

### Swimming Baths.

Regular and frequent samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the open season, from the Town Swimming Pool and Kiddies' Paddling Pool, and the results were extremely satisfactory.

### Schools.

A detailed inspection and report was submitted of all Sanitary Accommodation, Washing Facilities and kitchens of schools within the Borough.

## Common Lodging Houses.

There is one Common Lodging House in the District and regular visits have been paid throughout the year.

## Smoke Abatement.

Nuisances have been caused by grit emission from two Laundries in the district. This was due to the burning of coke-breeze and the necessary representations were made to the Ministry of Fuel, which resulted in the allocation of suitable boiler fuel to the firms concerned.

## THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

### Factories, Factories (No Mechanical Power) and Workplaces

No. of Factories on Register .. .. .	69
No. of Factories on Register (no mechanical power) ..	10
No. of Factories, Factories (no mechanical power) and workplaces inspected during the year .. .. .	98
No. of Outworkers Premises visited .. .. .	4
No. inspected and found satisfactory .. .. .	65
No. inspected and found unsatisfactory .. .. .	4

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD MILK SUPPLY

### Milk and Dairies Acts and Order, etc.

Registered Purveyors .. .. .	47
Registered Cowkeepers .. .. .	1

With the exception of a small quantity, all milk sold in this area is subjected to heat-treatment.

All schools are supplied with "Pasteurised Milk" which is sampled weekly.

During the year 223 samples of "Pasteurised" milk were obtained and submitted for examination.

218, Satisfactory. 5, Unsatisfactory.

121 samples of "Heat-Treated" milk were taken and submitted for examination, of which 15 were unsatisfactory, the remainder passing the prescribed test.

### Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—1946

The following table shows the number of designated milk licences granted during the year :—

#### Tuberculin Tested Milk :—

Supplementary Licences .. .. .	2
Bottling Licences .. .. .	1

#### Pasteurised Milk :—

Dealers' Licences .. .. .	1
Supplementary Licences .. .. .	2



## MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE CREAM

During the year, the premises at which Ice Cream was manufactured and sold, have been kept under rigid supervision, 298 visits being paid to this class of premises and 233 samples submitted for examination.

The number of Premises on the Register :—

Manufacturers	..	4
Vendors	..	43

### Summary of Results

		Grade			
Samples Taken	..	1	2	3	4
233	.. ..	182	30	10	11

## BAKEHOUSES

There are 11 Bakehouses on the Register, to which visits were paid during the year.

## FOOD PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING PREMISES.

*Food Hygiene.*—It was felt that in the town there was a need for stimulating the interests of the trader and public alike on Food Hygiene. Wholesale food could be produced if food handlers were taught to realize the importance of their work and observe clean habits. The nearest approach to solving the problem of food contamination was to concentrate efforts upon the question of health education, and secondly, the formation of a Hygienic Food Traders Guild, to encourage food traders and employees to improve the hygienic standard of foodstuffs sold, and to secure the co-operation of the general public as enthusiastic collaborators in this scheme.

A Food Traders Guild sponsored by the Council has been formed and an Advisory Committee appointed. Codes of Practice for various traders and employees have been decided upon, and each trader has been circulated with a booklet containing full particulars of the scheme, and details of what work would be required on his premises to qualify for membership, and employees given appropriate codes for employee membership.

The whole scheme is based upon the fullest co-operation between the Council and the trader, the employee and the public, and it is hoped that better results will be achieved by willing co-operation between the people concerned, than by statutory proceedings.

Although the scheme had not officially commenced at the end of the year, considerable interest was being displayed and many traders had effected extensive improvements to their premises in anticipation of becoming members of the Guild from the date of commencement.

## SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There is one slaughterhouse operating in the Borough under the control of the Ministry of Food, catering for this district and the adjoining Urban District of Farnham.

A regular system of meat inspection is carried out in accordance with the recommendations laid down in Memo. 62 (Food) and 386 visits were made during the year for this purpose. In common with many slaughterhouses throughout the country, there is lack of sufficient hanging and cooling space.

Much concern is felt with regard to the handling of unprotected meat during delivery, and the Ministries should take appropriate action in removing this grave cause of anxiety to the consuming public. In my opinion, the only satisfactory manner in which freshly-killed unwrapped meat can be transported, is by suspension upon rails in the transporting vehicles.

Particulars of diseased and unsound food condemned and disposed of during the year is as follows :—

## Tuberculosis

### Bovines

Carcases complete with offal	22
Forequarters .. ..	13
Livers .. ..	66
Lungs .. ..	271
Mesenteries .. ..	79
Heads and Tongues ..	223
Tripes .. ..	3
Hearts .. ..	5
Skirts .. ..	5
Spleens .. ..	6
Kidneys .. ..	5
Rumps .. ..	2
Caulfat .. ..	1
60 galls. Blood	

### Pigs

Carcase complete with offal	1
Head .. ..	1
Plucks .. ..	2
Hearts .. ..	2
Lungs .. ..	1
Runners and Fat ..	1
Weight—13 tons, 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lb.	

## Other Diseases

### Bovines

Carcase complete with offal	1
Forequarter .. ..	1
Hindquarter .. ..	1
Livers .. ..	806
Lungs .. ..	126
Heads and Tongues ..	12
Udders .. ..	43
Kidneys .. ..	15
Topsides .. ..	5
Thick Flanks .. ..	2
Silverside .. ..	1

Head .. ..	1
Hearts .. ..	4
Rumps .. ..	2
Leg .. ..	1
Aitchbone .. ..	1
Rand .. ..	1
Spleens .. ..	2
Shanks .. ..	1
Loins .. ..	11
Ribs and Flank .. ..	2
Part Livers .. ..	21
Trimnings .. ..	43 lb.

### Calves

Carcases complete with offal	3
Head and Tongue	1
Feet .. ..	4

### Sheep

Carcases complete with offal	3
Leg .. ..	1
Livers .. ..	210
Lungs .. ..	1
Plucks .. ..	14
Heads .. ..	3
Shanks .. ..	2
Guts .. ..	1
Middles .. ..	4
Necks .. ..	4

### Pigs

Lungs .. ..	2
Hearts .. ..	2
Liver .. ..	1
Guts .. ..	6
Udder .. ..	1
Kidneys .. ..	2
Runners and Fat ..	2
Weight—7 tons, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lb.	



## Unsound Foodstuffs

Tins Foodstuffs (Misc.)	1,130	Biscuits	..	..	3 lb.
Tins Milk .. ..	1,021	Cake	..	..	28 lb.
Jars Foodstuffs (Misc.)	141	Chocolate	..	..	9 lb.
Jars Mixed Pickles ..	38	Mixed Sweets	..	..	55 lb.
Bottle Foodstuff (Misc.)	1	Sugar	..	..	244 lb.
Pkts. Foodstuffs (Misc.)	41	Cheese	..	..	6 lb.
Eggs .. ..	2,251	Pressed Beef	..	..	16 lb.
Haricot Beans ..	80 lb.	Scallops	..	..	3 lb.
Peas .. ..	92 lb.	Fish	..	..	853 lb.
Pears .. ..	552 lb.	Prawns	..	..	14 lb.
Prunes .. ..	30 lb.	Kippers	..	..	1,100 lb.
Apricots .. ..	21 lb.	Mussels	..	..	30 lb.
Mixed Cereals ..	145 lb.	Oysters	..	..	13 lb.
Crumpets .. ..	136 lb.	Weight—2 tons, 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lb.			

## NUMBER OF CARCASSES

<i>Class</i>	<i>Slaughtered</i>	<i>Inspected</i>
Cattle .. ..	1,638	1,638
Calves .. ..	1,285	1,285
Sheep .. ..	2,656	2,656
Pigs .. ..	83	83

## SUMMARY WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Beef .. ..	Tuberculosis	29,504 lb.
	Other Causes	15,211 lb.
Pigs .. ..	Tuberculosis	174 lb.
	Other Causes	350 lb.
Sheep .. ..	Tuberculosis	—
	Other Causes	595 lb.
Calves .. ..	Tuberculosis	— lb.
	Other Causes	145 lb.
TOTALS .. ..	Tuberculosis	29,678 lb.
	Other Causes	16,301 lb.

		<i>lbs. or Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Tuberculosis ..	29,678	13	4	3	26
Other Causes ..	16,301	7	5	2	5
Unsound Foodstuffs	6,471	2	17	3	3
GRAND TOTAL ..	52,450	23	8	1	6

## SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1938

The number of Slaughtermen on the register on 31st December,  
1948, was .. .. .

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## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

From information supplied by:—Mr. C. O. Perry, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures; the following samples were taken within the Borough of Aldershot, during the year ending 31st March, 1949:—

80 Samples of Milk.

10 Samples of Spirits.

33 Samples of Other Foods & Drugs.

The 80 samples of milk proved to contain an average of 3.64% Milk Fat, and 8.68% Non-Fatty Solids, and no sample was found to be adulterated.

Included in the 33 other samples mentioned, was a sample of sausage which was certified to contain only 25% of meat, this being 50% deficient of a standard laid down by the Ministry of Food. The matter was reported to the Ministry, who prosecuted, and the defendant was fined a total of £40 plus £8. 4s. 6d. Costs in connection with this offence.

## SANITARY CONDITION OF PUBLIC HOUSES.

During the year 131 inspections were made concerning the sanitary condition of all licensed premises in the Borough, and a special report was submitted to the Health Committee. Improvements have been and are being carried out with regard to provision of sinks and water supply behind bars, alterations to existing W.C.'s and provision of additional conveniences for customers, etc.

The Local Authority in some instances undertake the maintenance of cleanliness of sanitary conveniences attached to licensed premises. where these are available to members of the public.

*13th May, 1949.*



